

I have been a subscriber of XM radio since December 2002. I very much enjoy the wide variety of channels that are provided. Because I was unhappy with the quality and availability of regular AM/FM radio stations, I decided to invest in XM radio because of the options it provides. Buying an XM receiver, antennae, and subscription is quite costly, but it is worth it when you get to experience radio channels that you can't get elsewhere, including the traffic and weather channels. It's not like this is some top secret information that the public shouldn't be hearing. The information provided on these channels could be found through television or the internet, or even on the AM radio stations every half hour, however this is inconvenient at times. By paying a monthly price, subscribers should be able to get this information immediately. I really enjoy having XM radio and I feel that because of the wide variety of channels and information, it is worth the initial and monthly costs. Please reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and continue to allow the XM subscribers to have access to the information they pay for.